



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Happy Camp Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Along Balch Park Road Township 19S; Range 30E; Sec. 27 MDM	COUNTY	Tulare
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will create a fuel break protecting the small community of Happy Camp. This project will tie in the Mountain Home State Forest fuel break as well as the USFS fuel reduction project. This project will be requiring the removal and thinning of standing ladder fuel in the < 8" diameter class. The treated fuel will either be chipped or piled and burned. Broadcast burn maybe done in small areas, but will not be the primary method. This project will be in the same foot print as the THP 4-05-08-TUU (Happy Camp THP). This THP was completed on December 14, 2009.

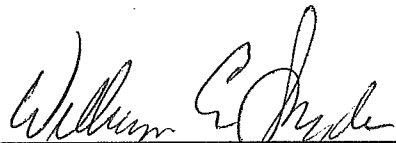
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14 CCR §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land;  
7 14 CCR §15307 Protection of Natural Resources
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project involves only minor alterations to the existing conditions of the land and vegetation designed to establish a more natural vegetative condition with a reduced fire risk. CNDDB and an archeological review have been conducted for this project. Consultations with CAL FIRE archaeology has occurred. No significant environmental impact is anticipated from this project.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director  
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